









Thank you for buying a Philips video recorder. This video recorder is one of the most sophisticated and easy-to-use video recorders (VCR) on the market. Please take the time to read this operating manual before using your video recorder. It contains important information and notes regarding operation. The video recorder should **not be turned on immediately after transportation** from a cold to a hot area or vice versa, or in conditions of extreme humidity. Wait at least **three hours** after transporting the device. The video recorder needs this time in order to become acclimatised to its new environment (temperature, air humidity, etc.).







This video recorder is used for the recording and playback of VHS videocassettes. Cassettes with the VHS-C label (VHS cassettes for camcorders) may only be used with a suitable adapter.

We hope you enjoy your new video recorder.

Important notes regarding operation

-  **Danger: High voltage!**
Do not remove the top cover as there is a risk of an electrical shock!
-  **To reduce the risk of fire or electric shock, do not expose this device to rain or moisture.**
-  The video recorder does not contain any components that can be repaired by the customer. Please leave all maintenance work for qualified personnel.
-  As soon as the video recorder is connected to the power supply, there are some components that are in constant operation. To switch off the video recorder completely you must disconnect it from the power supply.
-  Make sure that air can circulate freely through the ventilation slots on the video recorder. Do not place the device on an unsteady base.
-  Make sure that no objects or liquids enter the video recorder. Do not place vases or the like on the video recorder. If liquid is spilt into it, immediately disconnect the video recorder from the power supply and call After-sales Service for advice.
-  Do not place any combustible objects on the device (candles, etc.).
-  Make sure that children do not place any foreign objects within the openings or ventilation slots.

-  These operating instructions have been printed on non-polluting paper.
-  Deposit old batteries at the appropriate collection points.
-  Please make use of the facilities available in your country for disposing of the packaging of the video recorder in a way that helps to protect the environment.
-  This electronic device contains many materials that can be recycled. Please enquire about the possibilities for recycling your old device.

So that you can identify your machine for service questions or in the event of theft, enter the serial number here. The serial number (PROD. NO.) is printed on the type plate fixed at the back of the device.

MODEL NO.	VR550/58
PROD. NO.

This product complies with the requirements of Directive 73/23/EEC +89/336/EEC +93/68 EEC.

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Specifications

Voltage: 220-240V/50Hz

Power consumption : max. 25W

Power consumption (Standby): less than 3W

Rewind time: 68-78 seconds (cassette E-180)

Dimensions in cm (WxDxH): 36.0x22.6x9.2

Number of video heads : 4

Number of audio heads (Hi-Fi): 2

Recording/playback time:

3 hours (SP) (cassette E-180)

6 hours (LP) (cassette E-180)

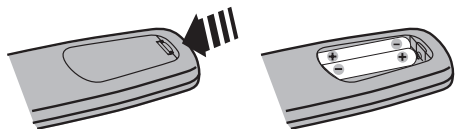
Supplied accessories

- Operating instructions
- Remote control and 2 batteries
- Aerial Cable

1. Connecting the video recorder

Preparing the remote control for operation

The remote control and its batteries are packed separately in the original video recorder packaging. You must install the batteries in the remote control before use.



1. Take the remote control and the enclosed batteries (2 batteries).
2. Open the remote control's battery compartment and place the batteries in it as shown in the picture and close the battery compartment.

The remote control is now ready to use. Its range is approximately 7 metres.

Connecting your video recorder to the TV

The necessary cable connections must be made before you can record or playback TV programmes using your video recorder.

We recommend that you use a scart cable to connect your TV and video recorder.



What is a scart cable?

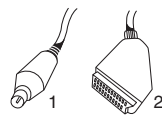
The scart or Euro AV cable serves as the universal connector for picture, sound and control signals. With this type of connection, there is practically no loss of quality during the picture or sound transfer.

- You can have the Hi-Fi sound on the TV only with a scart cable.

Connecting with a scart cable

Have the following cables ready:

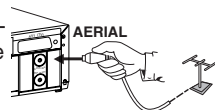
- One aerial cable (1, supplied)
- One scart cable (2, not supplied)



1. Remove the aerial cable

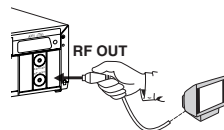
plug from your TV.

Insert it into the AERIAL at the back of the video recorder.



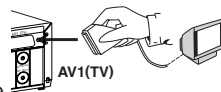
2. Insert one end of the

supplied aerial cable into the RF OUT at the back of the video recorder and the other end into the aerial input socket at the back of the TV.



3. Plug one end of a scart cable into the scart socket AV1(TV)

at the back of the video recorder and the other end into the suitable scart socket on your TV reserved for the video recorder operation (see your TV's operating instructions).



4. Switch on the TV.

5. Insert AC cable into the wall socket.

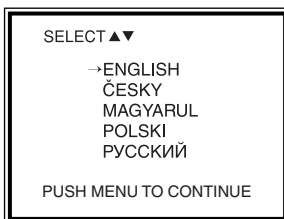
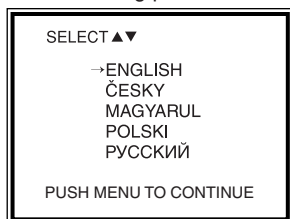
My TV has several scart sockets. Which one should I use?

Select that scart socket which is suited for the video output as well as for the video input.

My TV has a configuration menu for the scart socket.

Please configure this scart socket as input-Output.

6. If the connection was properly made and your TV was automatically switched to the programme number for the scart socket, you will see the following picture:



Then, read the section 'Preparation for use' in the chapter 'Installing your video recorder'.

My screen is empty

- Many TVs are switched to the programme number for the scart socket by way of a control signal sent through the scart cable.
- If the TV does not automatically switch to the scart socket programme number, manually change to the corresponding programme number on your TV (see your TV's operating instructions).

I do not see a Language setting picture

- Check the cable connections.
- Repeat the channel search on your TV.

7. Save this programme number setting on your TV for video recorder operation.

Then, read the section 'Preparation for use' in the chapter 'Installing your video recorder'.

Programme number for video recorder operation

You have now saved a programme number for use by your video recorder as you would a regular TV channel. This programme number must now be used in future for video recorder playback ('video recorder' TV channel).

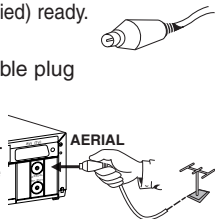
Connecting without a scart cable

Have an aerial cable (supplied) ready.

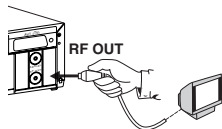
1. Switch off your TV.

2. Remove the aerial cable plug from the aerial input socket of the TV.

Insert it into the AERIAL at the back of the video recorder.



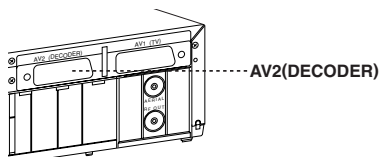
3. Insert one end of the supplied aerial cable into the RF OUT at the back of the video recorder and the other end into the aerial input socket at the back of the TV.



4. Insert AC cable into the wall socket.
5. Switch on your TV and select the programme number used for video playback on your TV (see your TV's operating instructions).
6. Start the TV's channel search manually as if you wanted to save a new TV channel until the next screen appears (see your TV's operating instructions).

Connecting additional devices

You can connect additional devices such as decoders, satellite receivers, camcorders, etc. to the socket AV2(DECODER).



Programme numbers of 'AV2' scart socket

If you are using the scart socket AV2 (DECODER), select programme number 'AV2' with 0.0.2.

2. Installing your video recorder

Preparation for use

This chapter shows you how to prepare the video recorder for use. The video recorder automatically seeks out and stores all available TV channels.

'Aim' correctly

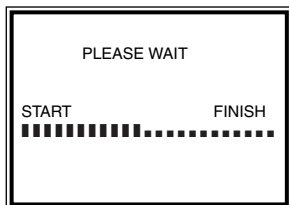
In the following sections, you require the remote control for the first time. When using, always aim the front of the remote control at the video recorder and not at the TV.

Connecting additional devices

After you have connected additional devices (satellite receiver, etc.) through the aerial cable, switch them on. The automatic channel search will recognise them and save them.

1. Select the desired language for the on-screen menu by pressing **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**.
2. Press **[MENU]**.
3. Confirm with **[P+]**.

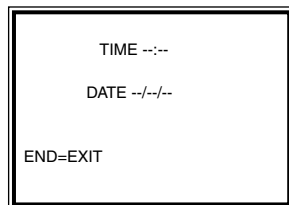
The automatic TV channel search starts.



The video recorder does not find any TV channels during the search

- Select channel 1 on the TV. Can you see the saved TV channel on the TV?
If not, check the cable connection of the aerial (aerial socket), video recorder, TV.
- The video recorder searches the entire frequency range in order to find and save the largest possible number of TV channels. It is possible that the TV channels in your country are broadcast in a higher frequency range. As soon as this range is reached during the search, the video recorder will find the TV channels.

4. The clock setting display appears on the TV screen.



5. Set the time with the number buttons **[0..9]**.
6. Set 'DAY', 'MONTH' and 'YEAR' with the number buttons **[0..9]**.
7. When all information is correct, save by pressing **[STATUS/EXIT]**.

The preparation for use is now complete.

Satellite receiver

If you are connecting a satellite receiver, please read the section 'Using the satellite receiver'.

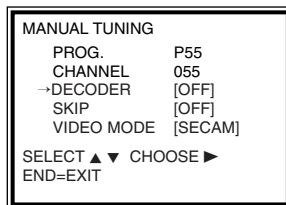
Decoder

If you are connecting a decoder, you must install it as described in the next section.

Decoder allocation

Some TV channels transmit encoded TV signals which can only be viewed with a purchased or rented decoder. You can connect such a decoder to this video recorder. The following function will automatically activate the connected decoder for the desired TV channel.

1. Switch the TV on. If applicable, select the programme number for the video recorder operation.
2. Use **[P+]** **[P-]** or **[0..9]** to select the programme number which you would like to allocate the decoder to.
3. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
4. Use **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** to select 'TUNER SET UP'. Then press **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]**.
5. Use **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** to select 'MANUAL TUNING'. Then press **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]**.
6. Use **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** to select 'DECODER'.



7. Use **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]** to select 'ON' (Decoder switched on).

How can I switch off the decoder?

Use **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]** to select 'OFF' (Decoder switched off).

8. To end, press **[STATUS/EXIT]**.

The decoder has now been allocated to this programme number.

'NO TV SIGNAL' appears in the TV screen.

The video recorder is not receiving a video signal from the TV.

Check the plug on the scart cable.

Check your TV's operating instructions to see which scart socket is used for video signals.

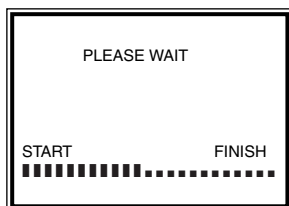
If this does not help, it's not possible to use this function. Please read the section 'Sorting TV channels manually'.

8. Wait until the next number, e.g. 'P:02' appears in the display.
9. Select the next programme number on the TV, e.g. '2'.
10. Confirm with **[FWD ►►►]**.
11. Repeat steps 8 to 10 until you have assigned a programme number to all TV channels.
12. To end, press **[STATUS/EXIT]**.

Automatic Tuning

During installation, all available TV channels are searched for and saved. If the channel assignments of your cable or satellite TV provider change or if you are re-installing the video recorder, e.g. after moving house, you can start this procedure again. This will replace all the TV channels already saved with the new ones.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'TUNER SET UP' with **[PLAY ►-▲]** or **[STOP ■-▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ►►►]**.
4. Select 'AUTO TUNING' with **[PLAY ►-▲]** or **[STOP ■-▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ►►►]**.



5. The automatic TV channel search starts. This allows the video recorder to save all available TV channels. This procedure may take several minutes.
6. When the TV channel search is complete, 'COMPLETED' will briefly appear on the TV screen.

Sorting TV channels manually

After you have performed the automatic channel search you may not agree with the sequence in which the individual TV channels have been allocated to the programme positions (programme numbers) of the video recorder. You can use this function to individually sort the TV channels already saved.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'TUNER SET UP' with **[PLAY ►-▲]** **[STOP ■-▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ►►►]**.
4. Select 'MOVE' with **[PLAY ►-▲]** or **[STOP ■-▼]**, and confirm with **[FWD ►►►]**.

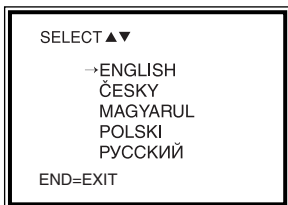
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P02:	03	P07:	99
P03:	05	P08:	121
P04:	10	P09:	124
P05:	74	P10:	130
SELECT ▲▼ CHOOSE ►			
END=EXIT			

5. With **[PLAY ►-▲]** or **[STOP ■-▼]**, select the saved TV channel that you want to change.
6. Confirm with **[FWD ►►►]**.
7. Move the selected channel with **[PLAY ►-▲]** or **[STOP ■-▼]** to the programme number you want to assign.
8. Confirm with **[FWD ►►►]**.
9. To assign other TV channels to a programme number, repeat steps 5 to 8.
10. To end, press **[STATUS/EXIT]**.

Setting the language

You can change the language for the TV screen menu. However, the video recorder display will only display English text regardless of this setting.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **MENU**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'INITIAL SET UP' with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼** and confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
4. Select 'LANGUAGE' with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼** and confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.

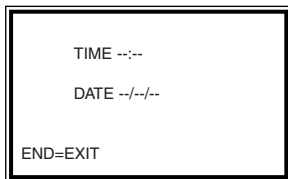


5. Select the desired language with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼**.
6. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.

Setting the clock

If the display shows an incorrect time or '---:--', the time and date must be reset manually.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **MENU**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'INITIAL SET UP' with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼** and confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
4. Select 'CLOCK' with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼** and confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.



5. Check the time in 'TIME'. If required, please change the time with **0.9**.
6. Check 'DAY', 'MONTH' and 'YEAR' in the same way.
7. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.

Setting the RF out channel

In some reception locations it is possible that a TV channel will be sent on the same or similar frequency as the video recorder.

Result: As soon as the video recorder is switched on, the reception quality for this or several other TV channels will decrease.

The following steps will show you how to change the pre-set 'transmission' (RF out channel) frequency on the video recorder.

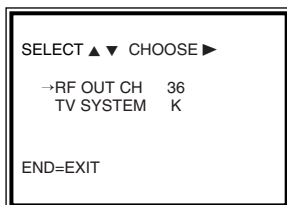
What is RF out channel?

This electronic component in the video recorder allows the device to transmit audio and video signals via the aerial cable. These signals can be received on a TV just like TV channels.

What is RF out channel frequency?

This frequency or channel indicates the channel on which the audio or video signal is transmitted.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **MENU**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'INITIAL SET UP' with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼** and confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
4. Select 'RF OUT' with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼** and confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.



5. Press **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
6. Press **PLAY ▶▲**, **STOP ■▼** or **0.9** to select a free channel between channel 22 and channel 69 in your area.
7. Press **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.

If you cannot get an interference-free picture and sound, connect the video recorder and the TV with a scart cable. Then, switch the built-in modulator off.

Press **STOP ■▼** repeatedly until '---' appears next to 'RF OUT CH' on the TV screen. Then confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.

8. Select 'TV SYSTEM' with **PLAY ▶▲** or **STOP ■▼**.
9. Choose 'K' or 'G' with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
10. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.

3. Playback

Playing back cassettes

You can operate the video recorder using the remote control or the buttons on the front of the video recorder.

If you press [PLAY ▶▶▶], [STOP ■▼], [FWD ▶▶▶▶] or [REW ◀◀◀◀] while the set is in Stand-by, the power will be automatically turned on. Additionally, if a cassette was already inserted, the corresponding operation will be performed. Your video recorder can only record and play back standard VHS cassettes.

1. Put a cassette into the cassette slot. The cassette is inserted automatically. 'Ⓢ' will appear on the display.
2. Press [PLAY ▶▶▶] to view the tape. 'PLAY' will appear on the display.

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Philips has developed a system which produces the best possible playback quality. For old and often-used video cassettes, this system reduces interference. For new or high quality cassettes, it emphasises the details.

Picture/ sound quality is poor

When playing rental videos or older, poorer quality cassettes, it may not be possible to completely filter out picture and sound interference. This is not a fault in your machine. Read the section 'Manual tracking'.

3. To stop the playback, press [STOP ■▼] or [STOP/EJECT] on the video recorder.
4. To eject the cassette, press [STOP/EJECT] when the video recorder stops the playback.

Automatic switch-off of special functions

Many functions (e.g. pause, still picture) switch themselves off automatically after a short time in order to protect the cassette and to save energy.

Do I need to change the playback speed when playing back LP recordings?

During playback, the correct speed will automatically be selected. For more information, please read the section 'Selecting the recording speed (SP or LP)' in the chapter 'Manual recording'.

Playing back NTSC cassettes

This video recorder can also play back cassettes that have been recorded in SP [Standard Play] or SLP [Super Long Play] mode in the NTSC standard (for example, American cassettes). However, this only works on PAL-television sets that are suitable for a picture frequency of 60Hz.

Displaying current tape position

The following information is displayed on the screen: e.g.: 0:02:45 shows the counter in hours, minutes and seconds.

SP/LP: will show the recorded speed of your cassette

'REM 0:06': will show the remaining time left on the tape in hours and minutes.

When you play back an NTSC cassette, the video recorder will show 'REM -:-'.

How can I set the counter to '0:00:00'?

You can set the counter to '0:00:00' with [CLEAR]. When you put a cassette in the video recorder, the counter will automatically reset to '0:00:00'.

The counter does not move

This occurs when there are no recordings on a portion of a tape. This is not a fault in your video recorder.

The screen shows '-0:01:20'

If you rewind a cassette from the tape position '0:00:00', the counter will show for instance, '-0:01:20' (the cassette was rewound to 1 minute and 20 seconds before '0:00:00').

'-:-' is displayed in the 'REM' counter

This counter will automatically recognise the length of the tape. In addition, when you put in a cassette the video recorder must first calculate the time played. Therefore, '-:-' appears first and only after the tape has been running for a few seconds, the correct remaining time will be shown.

Searching for a tape position with picture (scanning)

1. During playback, press [REW ◀◀◀◀] (reverse) or [FWD ▶▶▶▶] (forward).
2. If you want to search in super high speed, press [REW ◀◀◀◀] or [FWD ▶▶▶▶] once more. (This function will not operate for a NTSC cassettes playback in SP mode.)
3. Press [PLAY ▶▶▶] to resume playback.

Still picture / slow motion

1. During playback, press [STILL ▶▶] to stop the tape and display a still picture.
2. During playback, press [SLOW] to play back the tape in slow motion.
3. Press [PLAY ▶▶▶] to resume playback.

Scanning and still/slow motion interferes with the picture quality. The sound is switched off. This is not a fault in your video recorder.

Searching for tape position without picture (forward wind and rewind)

1. Stop the tape with **[STOP ■▼]**.
2. Press **[REW ◀◀◀]** (reverse) or **[FWD ▶▶▶]** (forward). 'Fr' or 'FF' will appear on the display for 5 seconds, and then, the remaining tape time will appear.
3. To stop the tape, press **[STOP ■▼]**.

Index search

Every time a tape is recorded an index marking is written on the tape.

These marked positions can be found again quickly and easily later.

1. To search for the previous marking, press **[INDEX ▶]** and then **[REW ◀◀◀]**. 'Fr' will appear on the display for 5 seconds, and then, the remaining tape time will appear.

4. Manual recording

General information

Use '**Manual recording**' to make a spontaneous recording (for example, a programme currently being shown).

If you want to start and stop a recording manually, read the section '**Recording without automatic switch-off**'.

Read the section '**DIRECT RECORD**' if you want to record a programme currently being shown.

Read the section '**Automatic controlled recording from a satellite receiver (RECORD LINK)**', if you want a recording to be controlled automatically by a satellite receiver.

Recording without automatic switch-off

1. Insert a cassette.
2. Use **[P+] [P-]** to select the programme number you want to record, for example, 'P01'.
3. To start recording, press **[REC ●]**.
4. Stop recording with **[STOP ■▼]**.

The message 'PROTECTED CASSETTE CANNOT RECORD' appears briefly on the screen, then the cassette is ejected.

A cassette without its security tab had been inserted. Cover the hole with adhesive tape or insert a new cassette.

2. For the next marking, press **[INDEX ▶]** and then **[FWD ▶▶▶]**. 'FF' will appear on the display for 5 seconds, and then, the remaining tape time will appear.
3. As soon as the video recorder finds this marking, it automatically switches to playback.

Manual tracking

To manually adjust the tracking during playback and slow motion playback, press **[PROGRAMME+]** **[PROGRAMME-]** or **[P+] [P-]**.

Tracking will return to Automatic Tracking Adjustment when you press **[STOP ■▼]**, insert a tape, or press **[PLAY ▶▶▶]**.

To remove vertical jitter in a Still picture, press **[PROGRAMME+]** **[PROGRAMME-]** or **[P+] [P-]**.

Preventing accidental erasing

All cassettes (except rental and pre-recorded cassettes) have a security tab on the back of the cassette.

To prevent recording over important recordings (erasing), you can remove this security tab.

If you later decide to record on a protected cassette, simply cover the hole with adhesive tape or slide the tab to the right.

Lining up recordings (assemble cut)

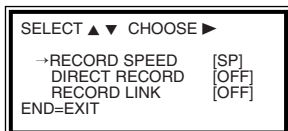
When you add a further recording to a cassette, which already has a recording on it, a short blank (flicker) can appear between the old and the new recording or the picture itself can flicker. To help reduce these from occurring, proceed as follows:


1. Find the tape position of the old recording where you want to insert the new recording.
2. Look at the last minute of the old recording (playback).
3. Press **[STILL ⏸]** at the tape position where the new recording is to go and press **[REC ●]**.
4. Now start recording as usual by pressing **[REC ●]** on the remote control.
5. Stop recording with **[STOP ■▼]**.

Selecting the recording speed (SP or LP)

LP allows to double the recording duration on tape (for example six hours instead of three hours on a E180 cassette).

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'RECORD SETUP' using **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ▶▶▶▶▶▶]**.
4. Select 'RECORD SPEED' using **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**.



5. Select the required recording speed with 

'SP' / 'LP' / 'AUTO'

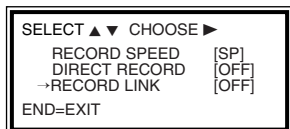
'SP': Standard Play (normal recording speed) offers the usual first-class picture quality.
'LP': Long Play (half recording speed, double recording time). 6 hours can be recorded on a 3-hour cassette (E180) with a somewhat reduced picture quality.
'AUTO': Automatic Long Play. If there is not enough space on the tape to record a programmed recording in standard speed, the recording is automatically done in 'LP' (Long Play). Otherwise, the recording speed will be 'SP' (Standard Play).

6. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.

Automatic controlled recording from a satellite receiver (RECORD LINK)

This function automatically starts recording on the switched-off video recorder when a video signal is recognised through the connected scart cable. If your satellite receiver has a programming function, the recording will start automatically (as long as the satellite receiver is switched on).

1. Use a scart cable to connect scart socket AV2 (DECODER) on the video recorder to the corresponding scart socket on the satellite receiver.
2. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
3. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
4. Select 'RECORD SET UP' with **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ▶▶▶▶▶]**.
5. Select 'RECORD LINK' with **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**.



6. Select function 'ON' with .

Switching off 'RECORD LINK'

To switch off the function, select 'OFF' with



7. To end, press **[STATUS/EXIT]**.
8. Insert a cassette.
9. Programme the satellite receiver with the required information (programme number of the TV channel, start time, end time).
If necessary, please see the operating instructions for your satellite receiver.
10. Switch off the video recorder with **[STANDBY/ON ⏻]**.

The video recorder is now ready to record. The beginning and end of the recording is controlled via scart socket AV2 (DECODER).

'DIRECT RECORD'

With DIRECT RECORD, you can record the right TV channel in seconds even if your video recorder is switched off. If the recording is started manually, the video recorder uses the current TV channel set on the TV. You will find more information on how to switch 'DIRECT RECORD' on or off in the next section. Make sure that your video recorder socket (AV1/TV) and the TV are connected by a scart cable.

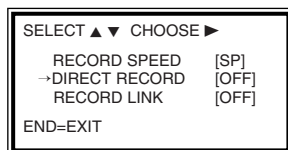
1. On the TV, select the programme number you want to make the recording from.
2. Press **REC** with the video recorder switched off.
3. Stop recording with **STOP**.


How does DIRECT RECORD work?

The video recorder compares the TV channel selected on the TV with its stored TV channels via the scart cable. If the same TV channel is found, it switches the video recorder to the corresponding programme number and starts recording. Please do not change the TV channel on the TV during the search so as not to affect the process.

Switching 'DIRECT RECORD' on or off

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'RECORD SET UP' with **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ▶▶▶]**.
4. Select 'DIRECT RECORD' with **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**. Select 'OFF' (Direct Record off) or 'ON' (Direct Record on) with **[FWD ▶▶▶]**.



5. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.
6. Switch off with **STANDBY/ON** .

5. Programming a recording (TIMER)

General information

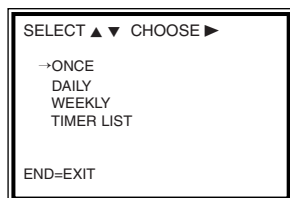
Use a TIMER programming to automatically start and stop a recording at a later time or date. The video recorder will switch to the right programme number and begin recording at the correct time. With this video recorder, you can pre-programme up to eight recordings within a period of one year. To make a programmed recording, your video recorder needs to know:

- * the date you want to make the recording
- * the programme number of the TV channel
- * the start and stop time of the recording

This information is saved in a 'TIMER' block.

Programming a recording

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'TIMER' with **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**. Then press **[FWD ▶▶▶]**.
4. Select 'ONCE', 'DAILY' or 'WEEKLY' recording with **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**. Then press **[FWD ▶▶▶]**.



Selecting ONCE/DAILY/WEEKLY recordings

'ONCE': Recording once

'DAILY': Repeated daily recordings from Monday to Friday

'WEEKLY': Repeated weekly recordings (every week on the same day)

Error message : 'FULL'

- If this error message appears after you select 'ONCE', 'DAILY' or 'WEEKLY' on TIMER menu and press **[FWD ▶▶▶]**, then all TIMER blocks are already programmed. No more recordings can be programmed. If you want to clear or check a programmed recording (TIMER block), select the programme number on TIMER LIST menu and then press **[CLEAR]**.

5. Select TIMER block with **[0.9]**.

6. Enter the Start time (START), End time (STOP), Programme number (PROG) and the Date (DATE) with **[0.9]**

Programme numbers of the 'AV1' and 'AV2' scart socket

You can also programme recordings from external sources via scart socket AV1(TV) or AV2 (DECODER). Select programme number, 'AV1' with 0.0.1 or 'AV2' with 0.0.2.

7. When all inputs are correct, press **[STATUS/EXIT]**. The programming information is stored in a TIMER block.

8. Insert a cassette with an intact security tab (unprotected).

9. Switch off with **[STANDBY/ON ⏻]**.

The programmed recording will only function when the video recorder is switched off with **[STANDBY/ON ⏻]**.

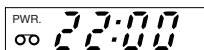
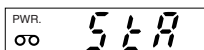
Programming a recording with 'TURBO TIMER'

With Turbo Timer, programming a recording that takes place within the next 24 hours is quick and easy. You don't even need to switch your TV 'on' as the necessary information will appear in the VCR display. (the figures below are only shown as examples)

1. Press **[TURBO TIMER]**.

'StA' will briefly appear in the video recorder display. After 2 seconds, start time will appear (default setting is current time). Set the time you want to start recording using

[PLAY ▶▶] **[STOP ■▼]**.



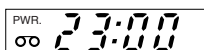
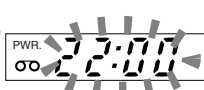
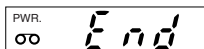
Error message : 'FUL'

- If this error message appears after pressing **[TURBO TIMER]**, then all TIMER blocks are already programmed. No more recordings can be programmed. If you want to clear or check a programmed recording (TIMER block), select the programme number on TIMER LIST menu and then press **[CLEAR]**.

2. Press **[TURBO TIMER]**.

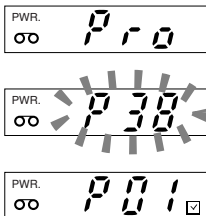
'End' will briefly appear in the video recorder display. After 2 seconds, the end time will appear (default setting is same as the start time). Set the time you want to finish recording using

[PLAY ▶▶] **[STOP ■▼]**.



3. Press **TURBO TIMER**.

'Pro' will briefly appear in the video recorder display. After 2 seconds, default program number will appear in the display. Set the desired program number using **PLAY ▶▶▶**.



STOP ■◀.

4. Press **TURBO TIMER**.

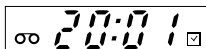
The program number you have just set will be displayed.

Error message: 'Err'

- If this error message appears after pressing **TURBO TIMER**, the start time or end time is same as another recording.

5. Insert a cassette with an intact security tab (unprotected).

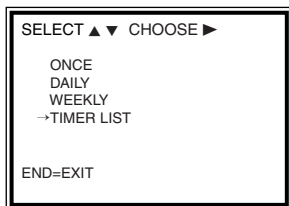
6. Switch off with **STANDBY/ON ◯**.



The programmed recording will only function when the video recorder is switched off with **STANDBY/ON ◯**.

How to check, or delete a programmed recording (TIMER)

- Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
- Press **MENU**. The main menu will appear.
- Select 'TIMER' with **PLAY ▶▶▶** or **STOP ■◀**. Then press **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
- Select 'TIMER LIST' with **PLAY ▶▶▶** or **STOP ■◀**, and confirm with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.



5. Select timer block with **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.

Timer block disappeared when I pressed

FWD ▶▶▶▶.

You have checked all the programmed recordings. If you want to check them again, repeat steps 2 to 5.

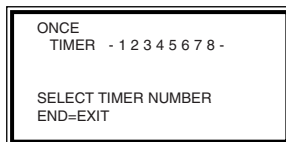
6. To cancel the recording, press **CLEAR**.

7. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.

8. Switch off with **STANDBY/ON ◯**.

How to change a programmed recording (TIMER)

- Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
- Press **MENU**. The main menu will appear.
- Select 'TIMER' with **PLAY ▶▶▶** or **STOP ■◀**. Then press **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
- Select ONCE, DAILY or WEEKLY recording with **PLAY ▶▶▶** or **STOP ■◀**. Then press **FWD ▶▶▶▶**.
- Select a TIMER block with **0.9**. (The flashing number indicates an empty TIMER block.)



- Press **CLEAR** to delete information and input correct information with **0.9**.
- To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.
- Switch off with **STANDBY/ON ◯**.

Problems and solutions for programmed recordings

Error message: '□' flashes in the video recorder display

- No cassette was inserted. Insert a cassette and switch off the video recorder using **STANDBY/ON ◯**.

Cassette was ejected as soon as the **STANDBY/ON ◯ button was pressed**

- A cassette without the security tab was inserted. Undo the erase protection (chapter 'Manual recording', section 'Preventing accidental erasing') or insert a different cassette.

'TURN OFF VCR FOR TIMER RECORDING' flashes on the TV screen

- The video recorder is switched on several minutes before the start of a programmed recording. Switch off the video recorder with **STANDBY/ON ◯**. A programmed recording (timer) will only function when the video recorder is switched off.

Cassette is ejected during recording

- The end of the tape was reached during recording.

The video recorder does not react

- While a programmed recording is being made, you cannot operate your video recorder manually. If you want to cancel the programmed recording, press **STOP/EJECT** on the front panel.

6. Other Functions

Changing the video (colour) system

If you playback recordings made on other video recorders or you want to record from external sources (via the scart socket), the automatic video (colour) system switch-over may lead to colour distortion.

You can switch off the automatic TV system switch-over as follows.

Video (colour) systems

Other countries, other video (colour) systems: In central Europe transmissions are broadcast in the PAL system (Phase Alternation Line) standard. France uses SECAM (Séquentiel à mémoire). Middle East countries use ME-SECAM (Middle East SECAM). In some countries (USA and Japan), TV viewers receive their programmes as an NTSC signal (National Television System Committee).

1. Press **[SYSTEM]** on the remote control to select the TV (colour) system with the least disruptions during playback.

Each pressing **[SYSTEM]**, the display will change cyclically; AUTO, ME-SECAM, PAL.



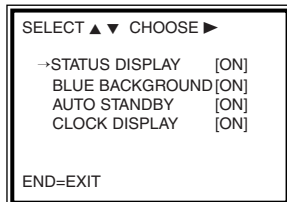
2. After 5 seconds, the OSD will disappear.

Switching the status display off or on

Along with the on screen menu, the status display also displays information on the current operating status (counter, playback, recording, TV channel, etc.) on the TV screen. You can switch off the information about the operating status so that the status display is not recorded when copying videocassettes.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'VCR SET UP' with **[PLAY ▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]**.

4. Select 'STATUS DISPLAY' with **[PLAY ▶▶▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**.



5. Select 'ON' or 'OFF' with **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]**.

Which settings can I choose?

'ON': Shows the status display for a few seconds only.

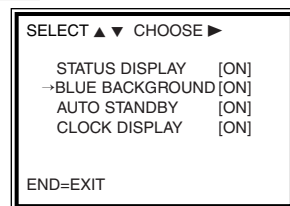
'OFF': Switches off the status display.

6. To end, press **[STATUS/EXIT]**.

Blue Background on or off

If you want the TV screen to be solid blue when a weak signal is received, set BLUE BACKGROUND to 'ON'. The screen will be blue and the sound will be muted. Or, if you want to receive the weak signal, set BLUE BACKGROUND to 'OFF'.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'VCR SET UP' using **[PLAY ▶▶▶▶]** **[STOP ■▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]**.
4. Select 'BLUE BACKGROUND' with **[PLAY ▶▶▶▶]** **[STOP ■▼]**.

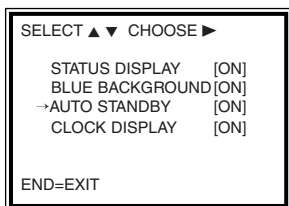




5. Select 'OFF' (no blue background) or 'ON' (blue background on) with **[FWD ▶▶▶▶▶]**.
6. To end, press **[STATUS/EXIT]**.

Automatic switch-off

If you haven't used the video recorder for a few minutes in certain modes (e.g.: STOP), it will switch to standby automatically. You can cancel this function to use the video recorder as a television receiver.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'VCR SET UP' using **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ▶▶▶]**.
4. Select 'AUTO STANDBY' using **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**.

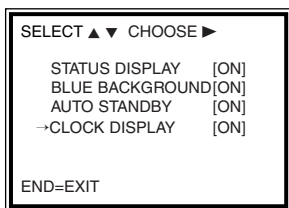





5. Select 'OFF' (no automatic switch-off) or 'ON' (automatic switch-off) with **FWD**  .
6. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.

Clock Display

This function allows you to switch the VCR display off. It is useful in case you feel disturbed by the display-brightness while watching TV in a dark room. It also reduces the power consumption.

1. Switch on the TV. If required, select the programme number for the video recorder.
2. Press **[MENU]**. The main menu will appear.
3. Select 'VCR SET UP' using **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]** and confirm with **[FWD ▶▶▶▶]**.
4. Select 'CLOCK DISPLAY' using **[PLAY ▶▶]** or **[STOP ■▼]**.



5. Select 'OFF' (no clock display) or 'ON' (clock display on) with **FWD**   .
6. To end, press **STATUS/EXIT**.

Selecting the sound channel

You can select the desired sound channel during playback or while receiving TV channels via the video recorder. This allows you to select a desired language for multi-language transmissions (This video recorder has an A2/NICAM stereo sound decoder.).

1. Press **AUDIO**. This will show the current sound setting.
2. Press **AUDIO** repeatedly until the desired setting appears in the display.

- **Reception of stereo broadcasts:**

Mode	AUDIO OUTPUT		Display on the TV screen
Stereo	L	L Audio	STEREO
	R	R Audio	
L	L	L Audio	LEFT
	R	L Audio	
R	L	R Audio	RIGHT
	R	R Audio	
Monaural	L	L+R Audio	NONE
	R	L+R Audio	

- **During playback of the recorded tape in Hi-Fi mode:**

Mode	AUDIO OUTPUT		Display on the TV screen
Stereo	L	Hi Fi L Audio	STEREO
	R	Hi Fi R Audio	
L	L	Hi Fi L Audio	LEFT
	R	Hi Fi L Audio	
R	L	Hi Fi R Audio	RIGHT
	R	Hi Fi R Audio	
Monaural	L	Normal Audio	MONO
	R	Normal Audio	
MIX	L	Hi Fi L Audio + Normal Audio	MIXED
	R	Hi Fi R Audio + Normal Audio	

- **During reception of bilingual broadcasts:**

Mode	AUDIO OUTPUT		Display on the TV screen
MAIN	L	Main Audio	MAIN
	R	Main Audio	
SUB	L	Sub Audio	SUB
	R	Sub Audio	
MAIN SUB	L	Main Audio	MAIN SUB
	R	Sub Audio	

7. Before you call an engineer

If, contrary to expectation, you have any problems using this video recorder, it may be caused by the following reasons.

Your video recorder does not respond to any button being pressed:

- There is no power supply: Check the power supply.
- A programmed recording is currently being made: If desired, cancel the programmed recording. Please see the section 'Problems and solutions for programmed recordings' in chapter 'Programming a recording (TIMER)'
- There is a technical problem: Disconnect from the mains power supply for 60 seconds, then connect again.

If this doesn't help, you could reset your video recorder to the default factory settings.

Resetting devices to default factory settings

* **Attention:** All the information stored (TV channels, time and date, TIMER) will be cleared.

1. Switch off this video recorder with **[STANDBY/ON ⏻]**.
2. Press and hold **[STOP/EJECT]** and **[PROGRAMME+]** for 2 seconds or more at the same time.

Cassette is jammed in the video recorder:

- Don't use force. Pull out the mains plug for the moment. Then, call an engineer.

Remote control does not work:

- Remote control not pointed toward the video recorder: Point it at the video recorder.
- There is a technical problem: Take out the batteries, wait for 10 seconds and place them back.
- Batteries have run out: Change the batteries.

No picture when you play a cassette:

- There is no recording on the cassette: Change the cassette.
- You have selected the wrong programme number on the TV for playing cassette: On the TV, select the correct programme number for the video recorder.
- The cable connecting the TV and the video recorder has come loose: Check the cable.

Poor picture quality when you play a cassette:

- Your TV is not properly adjusted.
- The cassette is badly worn or of poor quality: Use new cassette.
- Tracking is not properly adjusted: Turn to section 'Manual tracking'.

No recording possible:

- The TV channel you want to record is not stored or you selected the wrong programme number: Check TV channels stored.
- A cassette was inserted that does not have the security tab (cannot be used to record): Insert a cassette with an intact security tab or change cassette. For more information, please see the section 'Preventing accidental erasing' in chapter 'Manual recording'.

There is picture or sound interference on TV reception:

- Turn to chapter 'Installing your video recorder' and read 'Setting the RF out channel'.
- Have your aerial checked.

You can also call the **customer service centre** in your country.

The telephone numbers can be found on page 16 of this operating manual. Have the model number (MODEL NO.) and the production number (PROD. NO.) of your video recorder ready.

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